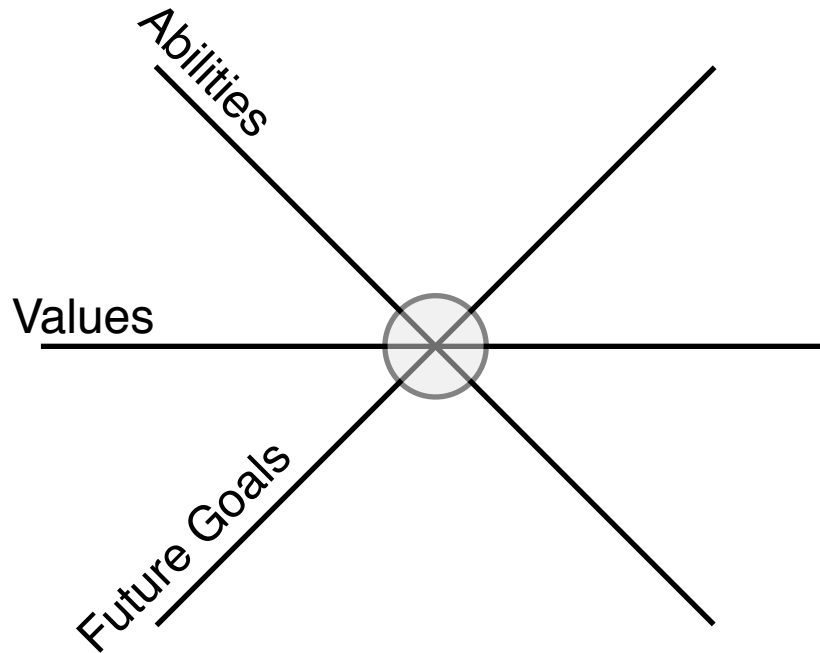


Choosing a Career (or Major)

God's will for your life is much broader than your career. However choosing a career is still very important. God has designed you a certain way and has a plan for you in the world. We can use our brains to discern for which careers God has created us. There are three things to think through as you try to decide upon your career (or your major): abilities, values, and future goals.



Abilities:

What am I naturally gifted at?

What do other people see that I am gifted at?

Values:

What do I value?

What is really important to you?

What am I passionate about? Why? What gets me out of bed in the morning? Why?
What makes me glad, sad or mad? Why?

Exercise to discover implied values:

Write down 10 things you really like to do. Then write down 5 reasons why you really like each of them. Then lump your reasons into affinity groups, which should help you discover your implied values.

Goals:

What are your goals for your future?

Is geography important?

What would you like your family to be like?

Do you care how many hours you work?

How much money do you need to make?

Am I thinking long term about my life or am I too near sighted?

What are some career opportunities that will come close to satisfying all 3 of these areas of abilities, values, and goals?